

# Priority Sites

## What are Priority Sites?

Priority Sites are locally-identified, regionally significant places that will offer homes affordable to people of all incomes, backgrounds and abilities. Sites include or are nearby essential services, green space and frequent public transit.

A Priority Site could be a declining mall, a recently closed public facility, a transit station parking lot or unused school district land. Some sites have been planned for decades or are partially built out; others were recently identified in a Housing Element or a Specific Plan

## The Priority Sites Pilot Program

Through the Priority Sites Program, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) will provide technical assistance to advance high-impact projects on sites nominated by local governments and affordable housing developers.

Sites will also be included in the update to Plan Bay Area 2050 – Plan Bay Area 2050+ – and will be positioned for future infrastructure, planning, and housing funding.

## How to Nominate a Site

Beginning April 1, 2023, local governments are invited to nominate Priority Sites through the [program's Nomination and Application Portal](#). Sites nominated by June 31, 2023 will receive preference for available funding.

## How to Apply for Funding & Technical Assistance

Local governments and project sponsors can request technical assistance and apply for available funding, including \$28 million in predevelopment funding through the [Portal](#).

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Priority Sites Pilot Program: Nomination and Application Portal

Priority Sites are places close to services and public transit planned for a large number of homes that are affordable to households with a wide range of incomes.

These locally-nominated sites will be integrated into the next long-range regional plan, Plan Bay Area 2050+, supported by resources to accelerate high-impact projects. The Priority Sites Pilot Program, launched in 2023, provides **technical assistance and funding**.

**Use this website to:**

- Nominate a Priority Site
- Apply for Predevelopment Funding (upon release of Spring 2023 NOFA)
- Sign up for Program Updates with General Interest Survey

To begin, click on the appropriate option at the bottom of the screen.

**Questions?**  
Starting April 2023, MTC/ABAG staff will hold virtual office hours Wednesday mornings. To sign up, please reach out to:  
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Choose an Option Below

[Nominate a Site](#) [General Interest Survey](#) [Apply for Funding \(Coming Soon\)](#)

Priority Sites Nomination



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